

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim. Claims 1-10 have been amended to better conform with U.S. practice. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as originally filed. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended by adding the reference to prior applications. No new matter has been added into the specification by this amendment.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for examination and allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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